

## Trout Species

The DNR manages for three species of trout in southern Minnesota streams: brook, brown, and rainbow trout.

Of the three, only brook trout are native to Minnesota. **Brook trout** thrive in smaller streams of good water quality, occupying shallow pools and riffles. In large and medium sized streams you will find them near the headwaters. Brook trout are very aggressive and relatively easy to catch. They are normally smaller than brown and rainbow trout, rarely exceeding 12–14 inches long. Their vulnerability to angling and competition from brown trout may limit populations in southeast Minnesota.

**Brown trout** were introduced from Europe in the early 1900s and are now considered “naturalized” because they reproduce in many streams. The DNR stocks fingerlings (2–4 inch fish) in streams with poor or no natural reproduction. Brown trout can tolerate somewhat warmer temperatures than brook trout, and prefer temperatures less than about 68 degrees Fahrenheit to thrive. Brown trout usually grow larger than brook trout, occasionally reaching 30 inches; brown trout up to 12 inches are common in southern Minnesota. Their abundance and size make brown trout the most common and sought after trout in southern Minnesota streams.

**Rainbow trout**, introduced from the western United States, do not usually reproduce in southern Minnesota streams. Most rainbows caught in southern Minnesota are raised in a hatchery to about 9–12 inches and stocked in area streams and ponds (a few streams are stocked with rainbow trout fingerlings). Streams are typically stocked in the spring and summer. Some of the heavily fished areas are stocked more frequently.

### MORE ABOUT BROOK TROUT

Most of the native brook trout populations were lost after European settlement due to habitat loss and degradation from logging and agriculture. Most of the brook trout populations present in southeastern Minnesota today were reestablished through stocking, and are now self-sustaining. In the mid-1990s, brook trout from two southeast Minnesota populations were captured and spawned to establish wild broodstock at Crystal Springs State Fish Hatchery. Progeny

Brook trout



Brown trout



Rainbow trout



of these fish are stocked at three inches in length and are often reproducing the next year in some streams. The DNR is currently examining the genetic makeup of Minnesota’s brook trout in order to make better decisions for their future management.

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Stream	Map Number
Ahrensfield Creek	5, 8
Badger Creek	3, 6
Ball Park Tributary	3
Bear Creek	8
Beaver Creek	3, 6
Beaver Creek (Whitewater)	12
Bee Creek	3
Belle Creek	14
Berg Creek	3
Big Springs Creek	5
Borson Springs	5
Brush Valley Creek	6
Bullard Creek	14
Butterfield Creek	6
Camp Creek	1, 2
Camp Hayward Creek	5
Campbell Creek	6
Canfield Creek	1
Cedar Valley Creek	9
Chickentown Creek	2
Clear Creek	14
Cold Spring Brook	11
Coolridge Creek	5
Corey Creek	6
Crooked Creek	3
Crystal Creek (Fillmore Co.)	1
Crystal Creek (Houston Co.)	6
Dakota Creek	9
Daley Creek	6
Deering Valley Creek	12
Diamond Creek	5
Duschee Creek	2, 5
East Beaver Creek	3
East Indian Creek	12
Eitzen Creek	3
<b>Etna Creek *</b>	1
Ferguson Creek	5
Ferndale Creek	6
Forestville Creek	1
Foster Arend Pond	7
Frego Creek	2
Garvin Brook	8
Gernander Creek	6
Gilbert Creek	15
Gilmore Creek	9

Stream	Map Number
Girl Scout Camp Creek	2
Goetzinger Tributary	3
Gorman Creek	12
Gribben Creek	2, 5
Hallum Creek	2
Hamilton Creek	4
Hammond Creek	11
Hay Creek	14
Helbig Creek	12
Hemmingway Creek	5
Kedron Creek	4
Kinney Creek	4, 7
Larsons Creek	3
Little Cannon River	13
Little Jordan Creek	4
Little Pickwick Creek	9
Logan Creek	8
Long Creek	11
<b>Lost Creek *</b>	4
<b>Lynch Creek *</b>	4, 5
Mahoods Creek	4
Maple Creek	2
Mazepa Creek	11
Middle Branch Rollingstone Creek	8
Middle Branch Root River	4
Middle Branch Whitewater River	8
Middle Creek	11
Mill Creek	4
Miller Creek	15
Miller Valley Creek	9
Money Creek	9
Nepstad Creek	2
New Yorker Hollow	3
Newburg Creek	2
North Branch Whitewater River	7, 8, 11, 12
North Fork Zumbro River	10, 11
Partridge Creek	2
Pickwick Creek	9
Pine Creek	5
Pine Creek (New Hartford)	6
Pleasant Valley Creek	9
Rice Creek	4, 5
Riceford Creek	2
Riceford Sportsman's Park Pond	2
Rollingstone Creek	8
Rose Valley Creek	6

Stream	Map Number
Rupprecht Creek	8
Rush Creek	5,8
Schueler Creek	5
Second Creek	15
Shady Creek	4
Silver Creek	6
Snake Creek	12
South Branch Root River	1, 2, 5
South Branch Whitewater River	8
South Fork Crooked Creek	3
South Fork Pine Creek	6
<b>South Fork Root River *</b>	2
Speltz Creek	8, 12
Spring Brook	13
Spring Creek	11, 15
Spring Creek	14
Spring Valley Creek	1,4
Stockton Valley Creek	8, 9
Storer Creek	6
Straight Creek	8
Sullivan Creek	3, 6
Swede Bottom Creek	6
Thompson Creek	6
Torkelson Creek	5
Trib 5 to Crooked Creek	3
Trout Brook	14, 16
Trout Brook Creek	15
Trout Ponds Creek	6
Trout Run Creek (Fillmore Co.)	5
Trout Run Creek (Winona Co.)	8
Trout Valley Creek	12
Vermillion River	16
Vesta Creek	2
Watson Creek	1, 5
West Beaver Creek	3
West Branch Money Creek	9
West Burns Valley Creek	9
West Indian Creek	11, 12
Whitewater River	8, 12
Wildcat Creek	3
Willow Creek	1
Winnebago Creek	3
Wisel Creek	2

\* New Aquatic Management Areas include easements and state ownership.

